AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

policy scheme; and

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- (currently amended) A method for updating content in an electronic document a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising:
 accepting the electronic document piece of data;
 - determining whether the <u>electronic document</u> piece of data is subject to the persisted
 - replacing a portion of the <u>content of the electronic document</u> piece of data with an indicating piece of data.
- (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the <u>electronic document piece of</u>
 data is an electronic mail (e-mail) communication.
- 3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the determining and replacing are performed on a scheduled interval.
- 4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the determining and replacing are performed on an ad-hoc basis.

- (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for performing a method for updating content in an electronic document a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising: accepting the electronic document piece of data; determining whether the electronic document piece of data is subject to the persisted policy scheme; and replacing a portion of the content of the electronic document piece of data with an indicating piece of data.
- 6. (currently amended) A method for updating content in an electronic document a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising:

 accepting the electronic document piece of data;

 determining whether the electronic document piece of data is subject to the persisted policy scheme; and

 deleting the content of the electronic document piece of data.
- 7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the <u>electronic document</u> piece of data is an electronic mail (e-mail) communication.
- 8. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein the determining and replacing are performed on a scheduled interval.

- 9. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein the determining and replacing are performed on an ad-hoc basis.
- 10. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for performing a method for updating content in an electronic document a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising: accepting the electronic document piece of data; determining whether the electronic document piece of data is subject to the persisted policy scheme; and deleting the content of the electronic document piece of data.
- 11. (currently amended) A method for updating content in an electronic document a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising:

accepting the electronic document piece of data;

determining whether the <u>electronic document</u> piece of data is subject to the persisted policy scheme; and

replacing a portion of the <u>content of the electronic document</u> piece of data with a refreshed copy of the portion of the <u>content of the electronic document</u> piece of data.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the <u>electronic document</u> piece of data is an electronic mail (e-mail) communication.

- 13. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the determining and replacing are performed on a scheduled interval.
- 14. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the determining and replacing are performed on an ad-hoc basis.
- 15. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for performing a method for updating content in an electronic document a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising: accepting the electronic document piece of data; determining whether the electronic document piece of data is subject to the persisted policy scheme; and replacing a portion of the content of the electronic document piece of data with a refreshed copy of the portion of the content of the electronic document piece of data.
- 16. (currently amended) A method for specifying an updating process for content in an electronic document a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising configuring the updating process to replace a portion of the content of the electronic document piece of data with an indicating piece of data.
- 17. (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising defining an interval for the updating process to be performed.

- 18. (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising defining the updating process to be performed on an ad-hoc basis.
- 19. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for performing a method for specifying an updating process for content in an electronic document a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising configuring the updating process to replace a portion of the content of the electronic document piece of data with an indicating piece of data.
- 20. (currently amended) A method for specifying an updating process for content in an electronic document a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising configuring the updating process to delete the content of the electronic document piece of data.
- 21. (original) The method of claim 20 further comprising defining an interval for the updating process to be performed.
- 22. (original) The method of claim 20 further comprising defining the updating process to be performed on an ad-hoc basis.
- 23. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for performing a method for specifying an updating process for content in an electronic document a piece

of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising configuring the updating process to delete the content of the electronic document piece of data.

- 24. (currently amended) A method for specifying an updating process for content in an electronic document a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising configuring the updating process to replace a portion of the content of the electronic document piece of data with a refreshed copy of the portion of the content of the electronic document piece of data.
- 25. (original) The method of claim 24 further comprising defining an interval for the updating process to be performed.
- 26. (original) The method of claim 24 further comprising defining the updating process to be performed on an ad-hoc basis.
- 27. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for performing a method for specifying an updating process for content in an electronic document a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising configuring the updating process to replace a portion of the content of the electronic document piece of data with a refreshed copy of the portion of the content of the electronic document piece of data.